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Dr. Trevor Smith

The Exodus

¹ God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. ² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; ³ though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. ¹⁰ "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth." ¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

-Psalm 46:1-3, 10-11

As June begins, it is hard for me to believe that I have had the privilege to serve as your pastor for the last year and a half. I want you to know that our family is thrilled to be reappointed for another year of great ministry with Nichols Hills United Methodist Church. We love this church, and we want to thank you for how you bless us in so many ways, and we hope we are a blessing to you as well. I believe God has big plans for our church as we head into the summer.

I was so proud to see the way our church came together to serve our community through Mission Madness last weekend. We had great food and fellowship on Friday evening, and then our children and adults worked so well together on Saturday as they packaged rice and beans for Skyline Urban Ministry and learned more about our church's ministry. I really enjoyed working with the group of adults who planted a new flower bed at the Exodus House, which is a residential ministry that helps people start a new life when they are released from prison. Our church is developing a wonderful relationship with this ministry. Thank you to each of you who gave of your time to serve in ministry. It is amazing to see what God can do through us when we work together.

On Sunday, as we continue our sermon series, ***Moses: the Reluctant Prophet***, we are going to talk about the events that led to the Exodus. You may have noticed that there is a whole book in the Bible called Exodus, so what does that word really mean? One definition states: a mass departure of people; especially emigrants. This applies to our story, but when we talk about the Exodus we are talking about the departure of the Israelites from Egypt in a way that freed the Israelites from slavery.

Then, on the following Sunday, we will see how God guided the Israelites through the School of the Wilderness to teach them God's ways and to offer them bread from heaven and a day to rest each week. We'll learn how God has given us the gift of Sabbath for rest and to help us enjoy relationships. I hope you will plan to join us for these meaningful worship services at 8:30 or 10:50 a.m. on Sunday. I am looking forward to how we will all be part of what God will do through our church in the coming weeks and months.

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Sunday, June 19

Father's Day Celebration at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Youth Group at 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 25

Wedding of Alfred Walker and Della Roberts at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 26

Worship at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Worship at 10:50 a.m.

Youth Group at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 3

Worship at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Worship at 10:50 a.m.

Youth Group at 5:00 p.m.

Newsletter Change for Summer

We will be creating a newsletter every other week, beginning in June and running through July. The weeks that you will receive a newsletter will be the week of June 15th, 29th, and July 13th and 27th. We will continue to send out our weekly email announcements on Fridays. If you would like to receive a weekly email and are not currently on our list, please contact the church office at 405-842-1486.

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The Learning Center

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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Ministry Opportunities

Hospitality Greeters

Do you like to smile and talk to people? Are you enthusiastic about our church? If so, please consider becoming one of the Sunday Morning Greeters.

Greeters provide a welcoming smile to people walking in the door for our Sunday worship services. They encourage newcomers and visitors to get involved in a Sunday School Class, direct people to the restrooms or to the children's nursery area as necessary.

You can sign up to serve for 20 minutes on Sunday morning at one of three time slots: 8:15 to 8:35, 9:30 to 9:50, or 10:35 to 10:55. If this seems like an opportunity you would enjoy, please see Alfred Walker for more details.

Coffee Hosts

Coffee hosts provide 8-9 dozen cookies. At the close of the 10:50 Service, the host(s) stand by the cookie table in the Narthex and greet people. We have openings for coffee hosts for **July 3, 10, 17 and 24**. To serve, sign-up on the bulletin board outside the office.

Altar Guild

The sacrament of communion is a meaningful and important part of our weekly worship. If you are interested in helping prepare the table, please contact Carol Magness at 405-640-4429 or Janet Jones at 405-627-1566.

Serving in Altar Guild this month are:

Linens: Kathy Walker

Bread: Carla Hill

Sanctuary Care: Sharon Ives

Communion: Jean Warner, Janet Jones, Mary Ann Carmichael, Bette MacKellar

Cares and Concerns

Epworth Villa

Bill and Katie Alexander,
Maxine Asch, Joanne Crosby,
and Bonnie Miller

Town Village

Joanna Garnett

The Fountains at Canterbury

Barney and Virginia Brown
Anita Dahlgren

At Home

Roger Etling, Ann and Tom Flesher,
Jess and Bette Harris,
Beth and Dale Jordan, Frances Lewis,
Joye McLain David Mueller,
Maxine Permenter, and Gene Wheeler



Moses

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Moses is the towering figure of the Old Testament. The words of Deuteronomy 34:10 -12 perhaps capture his life best, "Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face... for no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel."

Many of the most loved Bible stories involve Moses - the burning bush, the confrontations with Pharaoh that resulted in the plagues, the deliverance of the Israelites from slavery to the promised land, the parting of the Red Sea, the Ten Commandments, and so many others. Moses' relationship and

interaction with the LORD offers us keen insight into the nature, ways, and will of God. Moses' shortcomings, struggles, faithfulness and courage help us understand our own lives and struggles while inspiring us to follow in his steps. Join us for this meaningful series on Moses - The Reluctant Prophet.

June 19

The Exodus

June 26

Bread from Heaven and a Day to Rest

July 3

The Ten Commandments

July 10

The Golden Calf

Another Year of Ministry



Rev. Matt Patrick

In April of 2015, a lot of things in my life were up in the air. I was graduating from Oklahoma City University, and I was trying to decide where I was going to attend Seminary to spend the next few years of my life. And then, in a matter of a week, I received the fellowship at St. Paul School of Theology, which cemented my decision to stay here. A few days later, I was informed that I had been appointed to serve at Nichols Hills U.M.C., and I started on June 1st of 2015. This year has been full of blessing as I have been able to get to know you all and engage in this community of faith. I am so grateful to have been appointed to serve for another year with you all, and I am looking forward to another great year of ministry. Thank you for accepting me as one of your own this year.

-Matt

Children's Ministry

Thank you so much to everyone who came and helped with Mission Madness this weekend! We were able to bag over 800 pounds of rice and beans for Skyline Urban Ministry with the help of some of the adults, and the children were also able to make flower bouquets for the homebound members of our church. Matt Patrick and Trevor Smith will be taking these flowers along with a card and picture to the families when they go to visit. I am so proud of the children and all of the hard work they put into this weekend. I can't wait for Mission Madness next year!

We have a great Father's Day gift for next Sunday and would love for you to be in Sunday school to make one!

Our memory verse for June is Psalm 118:24 which says, "For this is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Make sure to practice the verse with your kids so they can get a prize from the treasure box!

-Madison



Madison Chillless

Skyline Urban Ministry Clothes 4 Kids

Would you like to help with shopping appointments at Skyline Urban Ministry's Clothes 4 Kids ministry? We will be sending a group from our church to serve on **Monday, July 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and on Thursday, July 21 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.** The Clothes 4 Kids Ministry allows families to receive two new school uniforms, shoes, a pair of new tennis shoes, three pair of socks, and three pair of underwear. Nichols Hills U.M.C. has been a longtime supporter of this program. Sign up in the Narthex or by calling the church office.

Tidbits from The Learning Center



We are so pleased to welcome back Melanie Carrion to The Learning Center. This is the third summer that she has worked with us. The children, staff, and families are thrilled to have her back, too. Mel is one of our assistant teachers who provides assistance in classrooms for breaks or substituting. She recently graduated from U. S. Grant High School and will attend OSU-OKC in the fall. Her experience in caring for young children here at T.L.C. makes the transition to our summer program so easy. We have school-age siblings who return each summer to T.L.C. as well. There are 22 children

enrolled in the Summer Camp at this time. There are different activities planned for them each day and field trips on Thursdays. Melanie will be a big help on these outings because she already knows the children so well. Please join us in welcoming her back to The Learning Center. On Friday we will celebrate our Fathers with Donuts for Dads, a come and go breakfast. Happy Father's Day to all of our dads.

-Denise



Melanie Carrion

MISSION MADNESS

Thank you to all who participated in Mission Madness! We had a wonderful time and accomplished fulfilling mission work!



Transportation Ministry

Would you like to bring joy to someone by bringing them to church? If you would like to join our transportation ministry contact the church at 405-842-1486. This may just be one of the easiest ways for you to serve in our church and make a Christian difference.

Serving In Ministry on Sunday, June 19.

The coffee hosts are Marty Smith and Jerry Jennings.

The mission candle is lit by Richard and Karen McLain in celebration of the marriage of Stuart McLain and Emily Geurin on June 18.

The chancel flowers are given by Midge Lindsey in honor of Paul Lindsey's birthday on June 21.

Job Opening

Nursery Attendant to minister to small children. Sundays and Wednesdays. Part-time. For more information, please contact Dr. Trevor Smith at 405-842-1486. Send resumes to revtrevor@gmail.com or 1212 Bedford Drive, Nichols Hills, OK 73116.

Birthdays

- 06/20 Akia Douglas
John Pippin
- 06/21 Paul Lindsey
Bette MacKellar
- 06/22 Ann Marshall
- 06/24 Jackson Edmonds
- 06/27 Mary Forster
- 06/29 George Malone

If your birthday isn't included in our list, please contact the church office (405-842-1486) to be added.

Manage Your Giving Online

Nichols Hills United Methodist Church is excited to announce that you can now manage your giving online! Giving online is easy, secure, and allows you to either make a one-time gift, or set up automatic recurring contributions. You can view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

Visit the church website at www.nicholshillsumc.org.

Click on the blue *Make A Donation* button.

Then, follow the instructions.

If you have any questions, please contact Louise Glass at the church.

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Sunday School Classes - Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

The Brew Class: *Meets in the Room 131* - The Brew is doing a study on Moses in June. Join us for this study with Ray Vander Laan as we travel to Egypt and the wilderness with Moses. Teachers: Tim and Christie Baker. Tim (405) 209-5467 and Christie (405) 922-5154.

KIVA Class: *Meets in the Parlor* - Bruce Day is speaking on "The Apostle Paul." Leaders: Buzz and Linda Rosser McDaniel.

Reveille Class: *Meets in the Library* - Do you like to see how your faith impacts your everyday life? Join us for a discussion of how the Bible speaks to the current events in our lives. Teacher: Tom Fraley.

Open Circle Class: *Meets in the Archives Room* - The Open Circle Class will continue our study of the 35 miracles by Jesus listed in the New Testament. Our 21st miracle for study is "Delivering a Syrophoenician's daughter" in Matthew 15:21-28 and Mark 7:24-30. Our hymn for discussion will be number 548: *In Christ There Is No East or West*. Teacher: John Marshall.

Roundtable Class: *Meets in Room 124* - The prophet Zephaniah in previous verses (Chapter 3:6-8) warns the people of Judah about what will happen to them if they continue their corruptions. This week we read Zephaniah 3:9-14, 20, in which he tells how God will reconcile His people to Him. The purpose of the lesson is to celebrate God's gift of reconciliation. We need it today. We welcome you to join us. Teacher: Dr. Jerry Perryman.

Youth Class: *Meets in the Youth Basement* - Join us for fun, fellowship, and a lesson that will bring you closer to God. Leaders: Rev. Matt Patrick and Matt Eales.

Children's Class: *Meets in the Children's Area*. - Join us for a child-friendly lesson, snacks, and crafts as we learn about the Bible together. Children's Director: Madison Chilless.

Dr. Trevor Smith, Senior Pastor
Rev. Matt Patrick, Student Pastor
Michael Wylder, Director of Church Music
Madison Chilless, Director of Children's Ministry
Delaney Sheffield, Administrative Assistant
Dr. Antone Godding, Organist

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